THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Tuesday, the 8th August 1950.

The House met in the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at 2-30 p.m., Mr. Chairman (THE HON. SRI R. B. RAMAKRISHNA RAJU) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Construction of a dam across the South Pennar in Sathanur limits.

* 7 *Q*.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state at what stage the proposal for the construction of a dam across the South Pennar in Sathanur limits to impound water required for irrigation purposes is?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The scheme has been investigated and the plans and estimate prepared are under scrutiny in the Chief Engineer's office."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, whether the scheme, when the plans and estimates are approved, will be included in the list of those which the Hon. the Ministe gave at the time when the Budget was presented? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Yes, Sir. I do expect that after the scrutiny and other preliminaries are over, the scheme will be taken up in the course of the year."

Higher Judicial Service.

* 8 *Q*.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO: Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether rules governing Higher Judicial Service have been framed and if so, what they are;

(*b*) what will be the strength of the cadre;

(*c*) whether it is proposed to provide for direct recruitment and if so, what the proportion of direct recruits will be;

(*d*) whether the District Magistrates working under the Separation Scheme will form part of the Higher Judicial Service;

(*e*) what the scales of pay proposed for the Higher Judicial officers are; and

(*f*) whether the District Magistrates under the Separation Scheme will be entitled to the same scales of pay as the District Judges?

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON (on behalf of the Hon. the Chief Minister) :—" (*a*) No.

" (*b*) Does not arise.